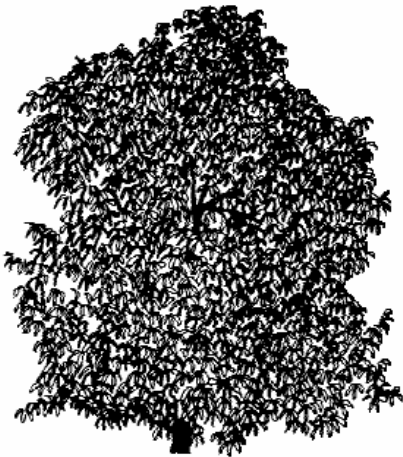


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IN THE WORKS



Cucumbertree magnolia
Magnolia acuminata

One of the fastest-growing Magnolias, Cucumbertree is pyramidal when young but becomes broad, oval or rounded with age, ultimately reaching 60 to 80 feet in height with a spread of 35 to 60 feet. If left unpruned, branches on open-grown trees eventually touch the ground, but when lower branches are removed the higher branches normally will not droop to touch the ground. This provides good clearance beneath the tree for pedestrian traffic. Older trees have a stately silhouette, particularly in the winter with branches bare, sporting a number of large diameter branches growing from a dominant central trunk. The trunk can grow to be five feet thick. Prefers moist well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. This large specimen tree is best used where space is not an issue, in parks, golf courses and natural areas. Abbott Park in Farmington contains a lovely collection of large specimen cucumber magnolias.

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MAINE FOREST SERVICE PROJECT CANOPY

Fall webworm (*Hyphantria cunea*) is a relatively common pest of roadside deciduous trees and shrubs. Silken webs are very noticeable this year, particularly away from the coast. The feeding by the caterpillars may occasionally strip small or large trees of their leaves. By August and September the webs may become very large and even join together, detracting greatly from the attractiveness of specimen trees. The insect does not pose a threat to tree health, though may be removed to improve aesthetics. Tents can be removed by hand. Insert a forked stick in the web, twist and remove. Burning the tents is not advised, as that can cause more damage. For more information about Project Canopy, please call the Maine Forest Service at 1-800-367-0223 or visit www.projectcanopy.org.

PLANTING THE FUTURE

2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Wangari Maathai will be featured at several educational events in the Northeast this fall. Maathai was the first African woman to win the award. She is founder of the Green Belt Movement (GBM) – a grassroots organization that empowers African women to improve their lives and conserve the environment through planting trees. For nearly thirty years, she has mobilized poor women to plant 30 million trees. Maathai combines science, social commitment and active politics. More than simply protecting the existing environment, her strategy is to secure and strengthen the very basis for ecologically sustainable development. Opportunities to hear Maathai speak: October 17, Syracuse University, NY, Hendricks Chapel, 4:30 PM. For ticket information visit www.syr.edu

October 19, Longwood Gardens, Avondale, PA. Sponsored by the Stroud Water Research Center. For ticket information call 610-268-2153 or visit www.stroudcenter.org

October 24, Faneuil Hall, Boston, 7:00 PM. Sponsored by the Boston Urban Forest Coalition. For ticket information call 508-698-6810 or visit www.bostonforest.org

October 26, Pittsburg, PA, 8:00 AM. Keynote address for the Society of American Foresters National Convention. Attend the entire convention, or register for the day at www.safnet.org/natcon-06

WOMEN CONNECTING – FIELD, FOREST AND SELF

The Women's Agricultural Network (WagN) will celebrate its 10th year in service with a 3-day conference in Bangor. Celebrations, educational sessions, networking, keynote speakers, farm tours, a Women and the Woods track and so much more will all be part of the conference. A sampling of the educational and technical offerings include: Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Woodlot walk and talk, Wildlife habitat in managed landscapes, grant writing and grant resources, and grassroots organizing. Hold December 8, 9 and 10 for what will be an excellent learning opportunity. For more information contact WagN at 1-800-287-1458 or visit www.umaine.edu/umext/wagn/anniversaryconf.htm

URBAN FOREST PROJECT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council serves to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the status of the nation's urban and community forests. The Council seeks to establish urban and community forests by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources for this and future generations. Through its competitive Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, funded by the USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Council supports urban and community forestry project that have national, or widespread significance in their impact or application. A listing of the previously funded projects can be found at www.treelink.org/nucfac/. Projects previously funded in Maine include two publications by the Maine Forest Service, and Cost-effective sidewalk planting site rehabilitation project in the City of Bath. Projects must fall into one of the 5 following categories:

1. Innovative Urban and Community Forestry for Minority and Underserved Populations.
2. Advancing Emerging Issues: Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Ecosystems.
3. Innovative Urban and Community Forestry Research and/or Technology Development.
4. Special Emphasis Areas.
5. Capacity Building.

The Request for Proposals can be viewed on-line at the Council's website at www.treelink.org/nucfac/. Pre-proposals must be received by September 6, 2006.

THE MAINE FOREST SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR BIG TREES

The Maine Forest Service is seeking nominations for the 2007 Maine Register of Big Trees. Maine's Register lists 158 of the largest trees, representing 148 species. In addition to 148 state champions, Maine has two national champions. Maine's current national champions are a Tamarack located in and an Eastern White Pine, located in Morrill. The next register will be printed in 2005, and the Maine Forest Service will accept nominations until **December 31, 2006**. To learn more about Maine's Register of Big Trees, please contact Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223. To nominate a tree or to view the 2005 Register, please visit the Project Canopy website – www.projectcanopy.org



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“The planting of trees is the planting of ideas. By starting with the simple step of digging a hole and planting a tree, we plant hope for ourselves and for future generations. Through the process of mobilizing people to action, GBM addresses a wide range of issues that directly affect the lives of individuals, particularly women, and their families, including education, access to water, equity, and reproductive health. People then begin to stand up for their rights and those of their communities. It is their empowerment that truly leads them to decide to prioritize the environment, good governance, and cultures of peace.”
- Wangari Maathai

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COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

Grant requests for under \$3,000 can now be made directly through the Home Depot and local stores of the Home Depot through CommUnity Impact Grants and Store Giving and Support. Grant requests between \$250 and \$3,000 may be eligible for a CommUnity Impact Grant. The CommUnity Impact Grant process is designed to assist nonprofits in a timely manner, with a six to eight week processing time. Nonprofits will receive email communication from the Home Depot with status updates and decisions specific to their request. Even if your organization received a grant from the Home Depot Foundation, you may apply for a CommUnity Impact Grant. Visit <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants> for more information and to take the eligibility quiz.

NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE

Now in it's 11th year, the national brownfields conference is the premier annual event on the remediation, redesign and redevelopment of potentially contaminated properties. Plan to join thousands of brownfields practitioners this November in one of America's most vibrant communities. Rich in history and replete with showcase redevelopments, the Boston region is the perfect venue to kick off another decade and celebrate revolutionary progress in brownfields redevelopment. For more information visit www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/index.aspx. The International City Managers Association (ICMA) is pleased to sponsor a limited number of travel scholarships for community-based stakeholders involved in the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. To be eligible, you must be affiliated with, or a representative of, a local government, state or Tribal government, community group, environmental justice organization, or nonprofit. The scholarship program will ensure diverse brownfields stakeholder groups' participation in the conference.

Greenbeltmovement.org is the official website of the Green Belt Movement, Green Belt Movement International, and the life, work, and thoughts of GBM and GBMI founder, the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Professor Wangari Maathai.

September

7 Women and the Woods wildlife habitat program. 4 – 7PM, Unity. FMI Contact the Maine Forest Service at 1-800-367-0223

9 Introduction to Wild Mushrooms workshop. 9AM – 3 PM. Pine Tree State Arboretum, Augusta, ME. Pre-registration required, contact PTSA at 207-621-0031 FMI.

16 Maine Arborist Association Climbing Competition. Bath, Maine. Contact Tom Hoerth at FMI.

21 Native Plants: Shrubs and Groundcovers for the Landscape, with Lois Berg Stack. 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Pine Tree State Arboretum. Contact PTSA at 621-0031 or visit www.pinetreestatearboretum.org FMI.

28 Women and the Woods: The importance of establishing boundary lines, and working with a consultant. Hope, ME. 4 – 7 PM. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

28 Conservation Subdivision workshop with noted Landscape Planner Randall Arendt. Watts Hall, Thomaston, 4:45 PM – 9 PM. Presented by the Friends of Midcoast Maine. Registration materials available online at www.friendsmidcoast.org. For more information contact the FMM at 236-1077

October is National Neighborwoods Month!

21 Women and the Woods: Working with forestry professionals and working your woodlot. Chelsea, ME. Time TBA. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

25- 29 SAF National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA. FMI visit www.safnet.org/natcon-06/index.cfm

29 New England ISA Annual Conference, Providence, RI. FMI or to register contact Marcia McPhee at 800-617-4870

November

3 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, 8 AM – 12 PM. North Belgrade Community Center, Belgrade, ME. Contact ISA at www.isa-arbor.com or 217-355-9411 for an application. Exam registration must be received by ISA at least 12 working days prior to the date of the exam.

9-11 Tree Care Industry EXPO 2006. Baltimore, MD. For registration information phone 1-800-733-2622 or visit www.tcia.org

29 Women and the Woods: Working with forestry professional and working your woodlot. South China, ME. Time TBA. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

December

2 Women and the Woods: Working with a forestry professional and working your woodlot. Jefferson, ME. Time TBA. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

If you would like to put your community's activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.

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